

REPUBLICANS WIPE OUT OLD DEBTS

State-Wide Campaign Cuts
Amount Owed to Less
than \$2,000.

\$45,000 IN NOTES
INDORSED BY BARNES

This Sum Will Be Repaid by
Committee—Surplus May Fol-
low Letter Plea.

Efforts to wipe out the debts of the Republican State Committee have proved so successful, it was stated yesterday, that obligations amounting to about \$45,000, which had stood for more than a year and a half, have been reduced to less than \$2,000. The movement to raise money, which was started at the "get-together" conference of Republicans throughout the state held at the Waldorf early in December, has gained such strength that there may be a surplus before the work is finished.

Before the campaign of 1912 was over the committee had been obliged to go out and borrow \$45,000. As William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the committee, had indorsed the notes, the committee practically owed the money to him. After that decisive defeat it seemed impossible to raise any money to pay off this indebtedness. Effort after effort failed to produce results.

When a movement was started about a year ago to retire Mr. Barnes from the state chairmanship the fact that the committee owed him money made many who were opposed to his methods, refuse to take any part. They said it would be ungrateful on the part of the organization to throw out a man to whom they owed money.

The financial condition of the organization was made known at the Waldorf conference. Soon after a letter was sent out to all who participated asking for subscriptions to clear off the debt. Nearly one thousand letters, were issued. Most of the requests were for \$10 subscriptions. A few, however, were for \$200. It is said that some of those who had been most active in the movement to secure the retirement of Mr. Barnes sent in that amount to the fund. One or two subscriptions for \$1,000 were received, it is understood.

It had been reported that Chairman Barnes had said he would never retire while the committee owed him money, from which the inference was drawn that he might retire when the debt was paid. However, his friends say he has no intention of retiring before the next campaign. There has been no revival of the movement to force him out of the leadership. It is conceded that he will have little difficulty in being elected chairman of the new state committee of 1916, which will be chosen at the September primaries.

Chairman Barnes does not intend to let the collection of money rest with the wiping out of the debt. He plans to start at once the raising of a fund for the fall campaign. Work to that end will be carried on from now until Election Day.

UNSANITARY FINED \$620

Health Department Prosecuting
Offenders Against Law.

The Health Department, spurred on by Dr. S. S. Goldwater, Health Commissioner, is pursuing a policy of prosecution of violators of the sanitary code. The names of the offenders, by the Commissioner's order, appear in the weekly bulletin of the department. In the number issued yesterday the total of fines imposed for the week ended March 7 amounted to \$620.

The Sheffield Farms, Shawson-Decker Company, according to the bulletin, was fined \$25 because 152 dirty bottles were found on the West 136th street railroad platform. The McDermott Dairy Company was fined \$50 because of 30 dirty milk bottles. Another milk prosecution was that of John Lemken, fined \$50 for milk not properly graded.

Other prosecutions included decomposed, adulterated and decayed foodstuffs. Abraham Fromofsky, of No. 24 Rutgers Place, was fined \$50 because of 10 dozen bad eggs. Harry Neugeboren, of No. 11 Staple street, was fined \$25 for 41-2 dozen bad eggs.

Of minor violations forty arrests were made for spitting, for a total of \$45 in fines. In five cases sentence was suspended, and three were discharged.

EIGHTY YEARS OLD? MERE YOUNGSTERS!

Thus "Grandma" Cornelius, in
Celebrating Centenary, De-
scribes Brothers.

Faithogue, Long Island, March 14— "Grandma" Sarah Jane Cornelius is celebrating to-day the 100th anniversary of her birth at the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. Joseph E. Hallock, of No. 25 Evergreen avenue, with whom she has lived for years.

When Mrs. Cornelius was a girl her parents moved to Canan Lake. She was married to Jacob Cornelius, who died twenty-two years ago. Her two brothers, Joel and John Wicks, both octogenarians, live at Canan Lake. "Grandma" Cornelius calls them "youngsters." Beyond a slight deafness her faculties are all well preserved.

Delegations from the different schools called on her to-day to congratulate her and present flowers to her. The Willnot M. Smith Grammar School presented a rocking chair.

Will Lecture to Schoolmasters.

"The Business Man and the Teacher" is to be the topic for discussion at the meeting of the Schoolmasters' Association to be held Friday at the Harvard Club. Two prominent men, whose names have not yet been announced, are to lead the discussion upon this subject. The secretary of the society is Mr. Frank S. Hackett, Riverdale-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Actress Accuses Morris Hirst.

Malona Pitt, an actress, of No. 403 West 127th street, was the complainant yesterday in the Harlem court against Morris Hirst, twenty-three, of No. 140 West 116th street, charged with assaulting a nineteen-year-old girl. He was held in \$1,000 bail.

Sphinx Club to Dine March 17.

The Sphinx Club dinner on Tuesday night will celebrate the fact that its din-

ner night falls on the birthday of the revered St. Patrick. E. Irving Fletcher, wit and advertising manager, will preside, and a series of stunts will amuse and surprise the diners.

Bronx Gardens Body to Meet.

The Bronx Gardens Association, the mission of which is to provide school gardens for children, will hold a large meeting the evening of Friday, March 27, at Morris High School, Boston Road and 168th street, The Bronx. Provision is being made for two thousand persons, and a number of prominent educators will deliver addresses. Tickets are being distributed by the clergy and the principals of The Bronx public schools.

WON'T YIELD TO PARCEL POST

Other Companies Not to
Follow Example of U. S.
Express Company.

So far as could be learned yesterday the stockholders of the big express companies that have announced their intention of remaining in the field as competitors of the parcel post have not begun any general movement toward fol-

lowing the United States Express in its decision to liquidate.

Officials of Wells Fargo & Co., the American Express and the Adams Express say those concerns are in a much better position financially to weather the period of depression through which they must necessarily pass in readjusting themselves to the new conditions than was the United States Express Company.

"We have paid dividends regularly for many years," said an officer of the American Express Company, "while the United States Express Company has done so only intermittently. We have no intention of quitting and we have not been asked to do so by our stockholders." "This company has no intention of re-

tiring from the field of express business, in which it was a pioneer and has been engaged for the last sixty years," said B. D. Caldwell, president of Wells, Fargo & Co. "When the parcel post was inaugurated we took the position that there was room in the public interest for both the parcel post and the express. A year's experience has demonstrated that a very large number of individuals and firms have built up their businesses on express service. They know it is an absolute necessity to the business interests of the country in expedited movement and personal care for merchandise shipments of all weights and values, as well as perishable products, live animals and the innumerable articles requiring extreme care or security in handling."

"The Adams Express Company has absolutely no intention of retiring from business," said W. M. Harrett, its president. "However, we are not yet able to determine the effect of the new low rates. We believe the public will recognize that the services of the express companies are such as cannot be performed with equal efficiency by any other medium."

President Robert of the United States Express Company said yesterday: "The dissolution decided on by the board of directors will be effected as speedily as is consistent with prudence, but in the nature of things it may not be accomplished by precipitate action. The public will be informed when the express service of the company will be withdrawn. Until this is done the company will actively solicit business."

PLAN COMMERCIAL FETE

The New York Commercial Tercentenary Commission will hold a commemorative meeting at the Hotel Astor, March 27, for the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the beginning of the regular chartered commerce of New York under a charter granted in 1614 by the States General of the United Netherlands.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, president of the commission, will introduce Mayor Mitchell, who will preside. A prayer of thanksgiving will be offered by Monsignor Lavelle, representing Cardinal Farley. The benediction will be pronounced by Bishop Greer.

On the list of speakers are Governor Glynn and Senator O'Gorman.

LOOK! Fortune Smiles on You



The Ben Franklin Quiz

Is Your Opportunity
to Earn a Share of

\$7,150.00 - in CASH

1st award	\$1,000.00 in Cash
2nd "	750.00 in Cash
3rd "	500.00 in Cash
4th "	250.00 in Cash
5 awards each \$100 . . .	500.00 in Cash
10 " " \$50 . . .	500.00 in Cash
50 " " \$25 . . .	1,250.00 in Cash
100 " " \$10 . . .	1,000.00 in Cash
200 " " \$5 . . .	1,000.00 in Cash
400 " " \$1 . . .	400.00 in Cash

769 awards for a total of \$7,150.00 all Cash

QUIZ: A Fascinating New Pastime

in The Tribune. It is the direct path to this fine aggregation of awards.

The "what" and the "how" of the BEN FRANKLIN QUIZ will be fully explained in The Tribune, beginning Tuesday; you'll think it the dandiest idea when you are told. We're willing though to whisper this now—there's splendid fun and education in it; and it's so simple that every one, young or old, can take part.

If you're successful, you'll receive some of the cash, perhaps the largest amount.

The BEN FRANKLIN QUIZ begins next Sunday. There are no entry requirements. Be ready to start, for you'll like it immensely.

WILL PAY